Prayers for Vocations

Prayer #1

Parents Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide
ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call
to serve the Church of _____
as priests
Inspire in them a generous response.
Grant them courage and vision to
serve your people
May their lives and service call your
people to respond to the presence
of your Spirit among us
that, faithful to the Gospel and
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:
announce glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free
and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer #2

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer #3

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit

to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of _____
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

Prayer #4

Loving God, you call all who believe in you

to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps
of Christ your Son.
Call from among us more men and women
who will serve you as religious.
By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign
of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help the
men and women of our parish to hear the
call to serve in the Archdiocese of _____.
Our needs are great and our people
thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up
faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated,
holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons,
who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now
with courage and perseverance.
Grant that many will be inspired by their
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer #5

He said to them "Come and See."
They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39).

God of all nations, we are most grateful
for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to _____.
As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills,
talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith.
May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives,
continue to mold and shape our lives today.

Bless our diocese with men and women
who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church
as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons.

Lord Jesus Christ, help to hear your call to "Come and See."

Prayer #6

Hail Mary, full of grace;
all generations call you blessed.
Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel
to bear the Son of the Most High,
filled with faith, you responded:
"Let it be done unto me."

Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana,
you prompted your Son to perform his first sign.

Be with us as we discern our life's work
and guide us in the way we are called to follow
in the footsteps of your Son.

Holy Mother of the Savior, at the foot of the cross
you mourned the death of your only Son.

Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters.

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,
turn your motherly care to this nation.

Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest
to send more laborers to the harvest
in this land dedicated to your honor.

Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the Sick,
inspire vocations in our time.

Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim
the good news of everlasting life.
Amen.

Prayer #7

Gracious God,
You have called me to life
and gifted me in many ways.
Through Baptism You have sent me
to continue the mission of Jesus
by sharing my love with others.
Strengthen me to respond to
Your call each day.
Help me to become all You desire of me.
Inspire me to make a difference in
others' lives.
Lead me to choose the way of life
You have planned for me.
Open the hearts of all to listen

to Your call.
Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that
we may have listening hearts and
the courage to respond to You.
Enkindle in my heart
and the hearts of others the desire
to make the world a better place
by serving as
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,
Brother or Deacon.
Amen.

Prayer #8

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair,
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how.
Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.
With our hearts you continue to love your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

Prayer #9

Loving God,
your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way.
Help me to find my way in this world.
Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving
others in love.

Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me
through my family, my friends, and my parish community.

Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a particular way of
life.

If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then
help me to walk it in joyful service to your people.

With you, my God, I know I can find my way.
Amen.

Prayer #10

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth:
send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest,
and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness;
so that Your word may spread and be glorified,
and all nations may know You, the only God,
and Him Whom You have sent,
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,
Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Prayer #11

Loving God,
Is it I, Lord?
Are you calling me to a vocation
of ministry in the Church as
Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon?
Or if I am already living out a life's
vocation, are you asking me to help
call others to the ministry of
leadership in the Church?
We do need men and women to help
lead us as Church, Lord. We are your
people of the valley, prairie and pines,
the Diocese of _____
Speak to us Lord.
Open the minds and hearts of many
men and women to live your Word
and build your Kingdom.
Speak to me Lord.
Plant your Word within me so that
whatever you call me to be or do
I may say Yes, Here I Am Lord.

Lord here I am!

What would you like me to
do with my life?

(Pause to listen to God for a moment)

Teach me to do your
will, Lord.

And let your Holy Spirit
guide me!

Prayer #11

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy.
Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts
of many men and women.
Grant to them the willingness and generosity
to give of themselves,their lives, their time and their
talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and
Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons,
brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith
to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better
and love You more...
and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

Prayer #12

Father you call each one
of us by name and ask us
to follow you.

Bless your church by
raising up dedicated and

generous leaders from our
families and friends who
will serve your people as Sisters, Priests,
Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to
know you, and open our hearts
to hear your call.

We ask this in
Jesus name
Amen.

Prayer #13

Creator God,
Life is your gift to me,
Through Baptism you invite me to share
the gift of my life in service to others.
Be with me as I choose each day to show
Your presence in our world.
Give me the courage and generosity to
respond to Your love, to Your call.
I pray especially for those who serve you as
Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Open the minds and hearts of many other
men and women that they may accept
Your challenge to build the Kingdom.
Loving God, you have made me in Your image and likeness,
and for this I shall praise You forever.
Through baptism Your invite me to serve as Your son Jesus served.
I offer You this day all that I have and all that I am
in union with His saving cross.

Father, in the power of the Spirit,
You send us forth to build up Your kingdom.
I pray especially for those whom You are calling
to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.
Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.

The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few.
Please provide for us men and women
who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls.
I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer #14

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, you
bless your people in every time and season and
provide for their needs through your providential
care. Your Church is continually in need of priests,
sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service
of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the
hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your
call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding
to discern your invitation to serve you and your
Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your
call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who
found fulfillment in his life when he said to you,

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Prayer #15

Loving God,
You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service.

Amen.

Prayer #16

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer #17

Loving God, the provider of all our needs,
we, your faithful people, ask that you bless this parish and our Diocese with an increase of men and women for priestly and committed ministry.

Provide from among us those who will lead and work with us in priestly and consecrated service.

As you call, so may you also provide the context for listening so that they may respond with generosity and joy.

Form our hearts so that we may be a people
given to Gospel living and generous for Christian service.

Help us all to discern and pursue our vocation in life
with strength and courage, making of us a priestly people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
the priest and servant of our hearts. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Prayer #18

Loving God, to be your prophet is my
desire, but too often I am more
concerned about the bottom line. I
want to bring your message to the
world as so many before me have done.
My heart leads me to you, but I'm not
always sure how to respond.

Let me know what it is you are calling
me to do and the life you are asking
me to live.

Give me the strength to share with
others who are in need of the blessings
with which you have enriched my life.

Thank you, God, for hearing my prayer.

Amen.

Prayer #19

Good and gracious God,
you have called us through Baptism to
discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and have sent us to bring the Good News of
salvation to all peoples.
We pray you to grant us more priests and
religious to build up your Church here within
the Archdiocese of _____.
Inspire our young men and women by
the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give
themselves totally to the work of Christ and
His Church.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen!

Prayer #20

Thank you, Lord, for all the many great and
wonderful gifts you give to our family.
Help us to live each day with joy and humility.
Keep us totally dedicated to serving you.
Teach us to recognize the many ways you
make your Spirit known.
Then help each of us to accept your gift - the

grace to answer your call to form, strengthen
and expand the Body of Christ.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer #21

Father, hear the prayers of your people,
and bring to maturity the seeds you have sown
in the field of your Church.
May many of your people choose to serve you
by devoting themselves to the service
of their brothers and sisters.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars
and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.
May those who follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son
grow, and provide by their way of life
a convincing sign of your kingdom
for the Church and the whole world.
May all the ministers of your Church
increase in numbers,
and persevering in their prayer,
perform their ministry with gentleness and concern
for others.

Father, keep them all faithful to the call of the Gospel
that the world may see in them
the living image of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer #22

Lord Jesus, we pray to you for the Catholic priesthood.
Give us more priests, but most especially we ask you
to give us holy priests. Messengers of a truth
that is all-encompassing and eternal, holy priests
who know how to offer this truth
to the people of their own time and place.
Holy men for today, priests firmly rooted in the tradition,
yet imbued with the spirit of this age.
They have undertaken a mission in your name, Lord.
May the reflection of your power in them always make it clear
that they are your witnesses.

Grant that they may conform their lives to the paschal mystery
that they celebrate each day in the Eucharist.
May they sense in this mystery the anxious hunger of the world
and of their own brothers and sisters for salvation.

May they know, despite this hunger,
how to respect the spiritual freedom of others;
for it is your word which has given the world a taste for this freedom.
May they understand and speak the language of their own time.
And may they be careful never to compromise,
with opinions that come and go, the imperishable newness of your Gospel.

May they always keep through the dark wintry night of the soul
an obstinate hope for the springtime to come.

And when they meet those who persecute you,
may they always remember the road to Damascus
and the hidden ways of your providence.

Prayer #23

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Savior of the world.
Please manifest in Your Church
the Spirit whom You also abundantly
bestowed on Your apostles.
Call very many to Your priesthood
and Your religious life.

May zeal for Your glory
and for the salvation of the world
inflame those You have chosen.
May they be saints in Your likeness.
May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them.
May they be priests and religious according to Your own heart!
Amen.

Prayer #24

O Lord, help me know your will
for me
Let your light shine in the depths
of my heart
that I may know what you want
me to do with my life.
Help me believe that you have
a special plan for me.
Lord, I know I pass through this
life only once;
help me decide how you want
me to make a difference.
Like our Blessed Mother, give me
the wisdom to hear your voice
and the courage to answer
your call.
Above all give me peace
of mind and heart.
I offer this prayer in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer #25

God our Father,
you will all men and women to be saved
and come to the knowledge of your Truth.
Send workers into your great harvest
that the Gospel may be preached
to every creature
and your people, gathered together
by the word of life
and strengthened by
the power of the sacraments,
may advance in the way

of salvation and love.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer #26

LORD, JESUS,
we ask you
to send more servants to your people.
Choose from our parishes,
from our homes,
from our schools and colleges,
an abundant harvest
of apostles for your Kingdom: priests,
sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.
We pray that those you call
may never lose awareness of the
dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church,
teach to all those the Master calls
to say a joyful "yes"
as you did at the Annunciation
Amen.

Prayer #27

Gracious God, thank you for calling us
at Baptism to be your people.
In response to your call we again say, "Yes."
Keep us faithful to your mission
and our vocation.

Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm
all who dedicate their lives
in service to your people.

Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion
to serve as lay ministers and deacons
sisters, brothers and priests.

Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom
to proclain the Good News and
to witness your presence among us.

Prayer #28

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations;
that there might be young men and women
willing to give their lives for the sake of souls.
Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life. Like a wise harvest master, clearly call laborers to reap the harvest of souls. May some become holy priests, formed by the Gospel; may some find their way to religious communities filled with

love for You. Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of life and share the work of Your Son Who lives forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer #30

God, the source of
creation and love,
You invite each of
us to serve you through the life
which is your gift.
May your grace
encourage men and women to heights
of holiness through service to the church
as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Make me an
instrument to encourage others
to give of themselves and
challenge me to do the same.

Amen

Prayer #31

Lord, through Baptism, you invite me to share
the gift of my life in service to others.
Be with me as I choose each day
to show your presence in our world.
Give me the courage and generosity
to respond to your love, to your call.
I pray especially for those who serve you
as priests, brothers, sisters and deacons.
Keep them close to you.
Open the minds and hearts of many other
men and women to be witnesses to your gospel.

Prayer #32

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate,
give to our young people the generosity necessary
to follow Your call and the courage required
to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.
Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice
which will inspire them to offer their children
to God's service and to rejoice whenever
one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life.
May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother
and Saint Joseph encourage both young people
and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Prayer #34

O God, our Father, you have called us
in Baptism to follow your Son
through lives of loving service to you
and to one another.
Grant us your assistance as we seek to live

out our vocation in life.
We pray especially for those who have
answered your call as priests,
brothers, sisters, deacons and lay
ministers.
Keep them faithful in following your
Son and dedicated in serving
their brothers and sisters.
Grant that many more men and
women will be open to the
challenge of dedicating their lives
in the ministry of building your
Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer #36

Heavenly Father,
You so loved the world
that You sent Your only Son, Jesus,
to bring eternal life
to those who believe in Him.
I join Him in His prayer
for laborers in Your harvest.
May Your Holy Spirit
inspire and strengthen
generous men and women
to continue His mission in the World.
May this same Spirit
make known to me Your will
in my regard.
Where You lead, I will follow.
Let it be done to me
according to Your word.
I make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer #37

O God, in the past you called men and women
to dedicate their lives to you
through priesthood and religious life.
Today stir up the grace of a religious vocation
in the hearts of many within our parish community.
Grant them the willingness and generosity
to place their lives completely in your hands
as priests, brothers and sisters.
Help me to support them by my own fidelity
to your call to holiness through prayer & Christian service.
If you desire that one of my family or friends
follow you in this way,
grant me the wisdom and insight
to support and encourage that person
to listen to your voice and follow you without delay.

Prayer #38

Loving God,
You speak to us and nourish us
through the life of this Church
community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to
send your Spirit to us so that men and
women among us, young and old, will
respond to your call to service and
leadership in the Church. We pray
especially, in our day, for those who
hear your invitation to be a priest,
sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their
hearts and minds to your call be
encouraged and strengthened
through our enthusiasm in your service.
Amen.

Prayer #39

Lord,
I know you love me
and have great plans for me.

But sometimes I am overwhelmed
by the thought of my future.

Show me how to walk forward
one day at a time.

May I take heart while I search openly
for what it is you want me
to do with my life.

Inspire in me wisdom and understanding
to see your vision for my life
and respond with openness to
whatever you call me to be.
Show me your way Lord!

Prayer #40

Gracious God,
You are the gentle presence,
the peaceful light,
that fills our whole world.
We believe that you care
for all your creatures
with wisdom and love.

Take care of us, your Church, this day.

Give to us all grace and courage
to live out our baptism
as faithful disciples
of your son, Jesus Christ.

Give us good pastors who
will call us to love and forgiveness
and lead us in worship
in the community of the Spirit.

Bring forth from among us other ministers
whose many-splendored gifts
will strengthen our community.

Raise up people in religious life
who by their unusual witness to the Gospel
will call us to the love of God and neighbor.

You have enfolded the smallness of our
humanity in your divinity.
Fill us all with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer #41

Jesus, high priest and Redeemer
forever, we beg you to call young
men and women to your service,
as priests and religious. May they
be inspired by the lives of dedicated
priests, brothers and sisters.
Give to parents the grace
of generosity and trust toward you
and their child so that their sons
and daughters may be helped to
choose their vocation in life with
wisdom and freedom.
O God, you have called us to salvation and have sent your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and you have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready but the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to follow Jesus by serving Your People. Amen

Prayer #42

For all those living a chaste and single life, may God continue to grant them the grace to live lives of service and love of neighbor as they live out their baptismal call to holiness, knowing they are especially close to Jesus' heart. We pray to the Lord.